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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HIROYUKI KAWAE ET AL. Confirmation No.: 01-764  
Serial No. : 10/026,871  
Filed : December 21, 2001  
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Docket No. : 01-764  
Customer No.: 34704

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Applicants submitted on March 3, 2004 a petition claiming CIP status which petition was granted on July 19, 2004.

As a result of the CIP status, the outstanding rejections in the instant application were rendered moot. Accordingly, either a new formal action or a notice of allowance should be issued.

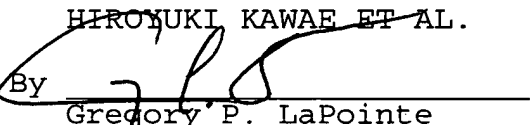
To date, no further action has been received in this case subsequent to the notice of acceptance of the petition claiming CIP status.

Applicants hereby makes a formal inquiry as to the status to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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